

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed April 18, 2007 the Examiner noted that claims 1-18 were pending, that claims 10-12, 17 and 18 have been withdrawn from consideration, and rejected claims 1-19 and 13-16. Claims 1-3, 5-9, and 13-16 have been amended, new claim 19 has been added and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 1-3, 5-9, 13-16 and 19 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections and objections are traversed below.

The Examiner objected to claim 7 and claim 7 has been amended. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-9 and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. section 112 paragraph 2 as indefinite. The claims have been amended in consideration of the Examiner's comments. It is also submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art would understand the metes and bounds of the claims and that the claims are not indefinite. It is submitted they satisfy the requirements of the statute. If additional concerns with the claims arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone to resolve the same. Suggestions by the Examiner are also welcome. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

In the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1-9 and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. section 101 as non-statutory. As noted in the Interview Summary of May 18, 2007, this rejection has been withdrawn.

On page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-9 and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Beck.

Beck discusses a system that provides a graphical user interface in which signals having a graphic representation, such as a waveform, can be graphically associated with busses. the system can use a touch screen display that is described as known (col. 9, lines 8-15) where a known type of GUI controller can be used (col. 9, lines 34-37 where highlighting using a color can be used (col. 19, lines 34-38 and col. 20, lines 1-5).

In contrast, claim 1 emphasizes first and second screens displaying sort keys and first type keys on the first screen and displaying a second type key on the second screen, where the first type keys have colors corresponding to or the same as the colors of the sort keys. A switch to the second display screen occurs when a sort key is activated. When a switch occurs, the first type keys corresponding to the activated sort key on the first screen are displayed in a

different color and corresponding second type keys on the second display screen are displayed with the color of the corresponding selected sort key (see figures 7 and 8 and the corresponding description in the application).

Claims 1-3, 7 and 13-16 of a different scope also emphasize similar features.

Beck does not teach or suggest such.

It is submitted that the present claims patentably distinguish over Beck and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

The dependent claims depend from the above-discussed independent claims and are patentable over the prior art for the reasons discussed above. The dependent claims also recite additional features not taught or suggested by the prior art. For example, claim 4 calls for a screen switching key. The Examiner points to reference number 910 of Beck. This is a "bus/signal-naming area" (see col. 18, line 36) not a screen switching key. It is submitted that the dependent claims are independently patentable over the prior art.

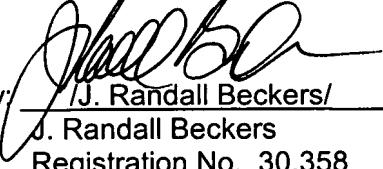
New claim 19 emphasizes the color correspondence between sort keys and sets of keys of the first screen, the second screen having the sort keys and keys from the first screen that correspond to a selected sort key but with a different color and the second screen having an additional set of keys that correspond to the selected sort key that have the color of the selected sort key. Nothing in the prior art teaches or suggests such. It is submitted that this new claim, which is different and not narrower than prior filed claims, distinguishes over the prior art.

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112. It is also submitted the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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